

Big Game

2013 Seasons and Rules



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Idaho Wildlife Policy

"All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping." — Idaho Code Section 36-103

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Idaho Relay Service (TDD) 1-800-377-3529

Internet: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

To Receive Nonresident License Applications,

Call: 1-208-334-3700

If you buy a nonresident license this year, you will automatically receive an application form for the following year. Applications will be mailed in November.

Other Information Numbers

- Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700.
- U. S. Forest Service – Boise National Forest: 208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.
- Bureau of Land Management – Idaho Office: 208-373-4007 or 1-888-246-7523.

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- *In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor throughout the state.*
- *By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.*
- *On the Internet, go online to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. A service fee is added for this transaction.*
- *Commercial licenses, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.*

You may refer to this link for laws pertaining to this rule book:

Administrative Procedures Act: <http://adminrules.idaho.gov>

To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.

Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

More than 30 states have entered into a "Wildlife Violator Compact." This means if your hunting, fishing or trapping license is revoked by any of the member states, all the remaining states will revoke the same license or privilege for the same time period. In addition, any nonresident who does not satisfy the requirements of an Idaho citation will have his/her hunting and fishing license revoked in their home state until those requirements are satisfied. For more information on the WVC and a complete list of member states, go to <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/about/enforcement/violator.cfm>

Idaho Fish and Game adheres to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations related to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, gender, or handicap. If you feel you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility of IDFG, or if you desire further information, please write to: Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707; or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Federal Assistance, Mailstop: MBSP-4020, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203. Telephone: (703) 358-2156. This publication will be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Department of Fish and Game for assistance.

Information in this brochure summarizes the rules and is the official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of big game. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

Costs associated with this publication are available from Idaho Fish and Game in accordance with Section 60-202, Idaho Code. 1-2013, 2013-14/350,000/31918/ROS.

Getting Started

To use this brochure:

- Pick the species you want to hunt, then refer to the section on that animal.
- Refer to the map on pages 100 and 101 to find an area to hunt.
- Find the unit numbers on the map and look up the seasons and restrictions for those units.
- For help in this process, try the online Hunt Planner at the Fish and Game website <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Big game hunting in Idaho is regulated by numbered **game management units**. For a map of Fish and Game regions and game management units see pages 100 and 101.

General seasons for black bear, mountain lion, mule deer and white-tailed deer are arranged by these units.

Some seasons labeled **regular deer** include mule deer and white-tailed deer, other seasons are labeled **white-tailed** deer only.

General seasons for elk are arranged by larger areas called elk management zones, which are made up of one or more game management units. For a map of elk zones see page 39.

General seasons for gray wolf are arranged by larger areas called wolf management zones, which are made up of one or more game management units. *Wolf management zones are not the same as elk management zones.* For a map of wolf zones see pages 78 and 79.

Controlled hunts are listed by hunt numbers for controlled hunt areas, which consist of parts of one or more game management units.

Controlled hunt areas for deer are not the same as controlled hunt areas for elk or pronghorn or black bear.

For an explanation of controlled hunts and how to apply, see pages 94-97.

When picking a controlled hunt, make sure to use the hunt number from the current year's rule book.

Detailed big game hunting rules and restrictions begin on page 85. License requirements and fees begin on page 112.

Note on licenses and tags:

A **hunting license** is required to hunt. A **trapping license** is required to trap gray wolf. In addition a **tag** is required for all big game species.

Helicopter Surveys: Hunters may encounter biologists conducting helicopter surveys during late season hunts December – March. They will try to avoid flying where hunters are observed.

What's NEW?

Deer

- New archery controlled hunt in Unit 45.
- Increase in either-sex controlled hunt tags in Upper Snake Region.
- New October 10 – November 30 controlled buck hunts in units 21, 28, 30, 36A and 36B.

Elk

- Net increase of more than 2,000 controlled hunt tags around the state in response to population increases in some units.
- New cap on sales of Bear River Zone B tags – 20 percent fewer tags will be available this year. Buy your tag early!
- New general season A-tag muzzleloader hunt in Pioneer Zone units 36A and 50!

Pronghorn

- New youth hunts in units 39 and 54.
- Archery hunt in Hunt Area 68 has been split into two separate hunts.

Black Bear

- Unit 1 archery only hunt has been converted to any-weapon and will open two weeks earlier.

Mountain Lion

- Longer seasons in the Panhandle Region.

Gray Wolf

- Longer hunting seasons in the Panhandle (private land), Middle Fork, Beaverhead and Island Park wolf management zones, and in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River.
- New trapping seasons in parts of units 2, 3, 13, 18, and 22.
- New trapping seasons in the Salmon and Island Park zones – foothold traps only, except snares may be used on private land and in that portion of Unit 28 within designated wilderness.

Hunting Passport

- Interested in hunting but haven't completed hunter education? Sign up for the Hunting Passport and a licensed adult friend or relative can be your hunting mentor for one year. See Page 83.

Fish Idaho!

- Nonresidents get a three-day fishing license with hunting license purchase.

Bear Identification

- Bear Hunters, please check out our interactive bear identification training program on our website!
<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/education/bearIdentification/>

See details inside!

2013 IDAHO BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE



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IDAHO WILD SHEEP
FOUNDATION



Top left 2012 Idaho Bighorn Sheep Raffle winner Rob Durrett with his ram he took in Hells Canyon. This ram scored 194 3/8.



Above, Mickey Waymire with his 2012 sheep taken out of the Idaho Lemhi Range unit 37A.

Bottom left is Nikki Kronberger, who took this ram in 2012 from the Middle Fork (27L) in Idaho.

GUIDELINES

- ♦ The 2013 Special Bighorn Sheep Lottery Tag shall be valid for use in any open controlled hunt in 2013 EXCEPT in Big Game Management Unit 11.
- ♦ Applicants, including youth, must be eligible to purchase a hunting license in Idaho in order to obtain these special tickets. Void where prohibited.
- ♦ This permit is non-transferrable. Hunting license and permit will be provided to winner.
- ♦ Drawing will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. MDT, on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at the Idaho Department of Fish & Game Headquarters.
- ♦ Once-in-a-lifetime rule is waived for this raffle tag.
- ♦ Need not be present to win.

Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Funds from the Idaho Bighorn Sheep Raffle are used for the benefit and enhancement of bighorn sheep in Idaho. This form is also available on Idaho Chapter's website www.idahowildsheep.org.

Receipt

Tickets are not sent to buyer.
Keep this stub for your records.

Date _____

Amount _____

Payment method _____

No. of tickets _____

Drawing to be held on July 31, 2013. Winners will be notified by phone.

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PO Box 8224
Boise, ID 83707
208-345-6171
www.idahowildsheep.org

Idaho 2013 Bighorn Sheep Ticket Order Form

No limit to number of tickets purchased per individual.

One individual per order form. This form may be copied. No phone orders.

1 ticket \$20 each	# tickets _____ = \$ _____ total
6 tickets for \$100	# tickets _____ = \$ _____ total
14 tickets for \$166.75	# tickets _____ = \$ _____ total
25 tickets for \$250	# tickets _____ = \$ _____ total

Payment can be accepted by check or credit card. Mail form and payment to:
Idaho WSF, PO Box 8224, Boise, ID 83707

☐ Credit card # _____ Exp. _____

☐ Check # _____

Signature _____

Please print clearly (all required)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____









Telephone (including area code) _____

TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY JULY 29, 2013

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August 2013 through July 2014

	<p>Key Dates in 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First controlled hunt application period: May 1-June 5. Successful applicants will be notified by July 10. • Second controlled hunt application period: August 5-15. Successful applicants will be notified by August 20. • To apply for controlled hunts see page 95 for application form. • Early deadline for depredation hunt application: June 30, 2013. See pages 97-98. • For other important dates, see page 96.
	<p>Hunter Responsibilities and Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the responsibility of the hunter to become familiar with the rules that affect the hunt in which he or she is participating. This brochure provides seasons for general and controlled hunts, and it provides a summary of rules that govern big game hunting in Idaho. For details about the rules, please refer to these links: <p>Idaho Administrative Procedures Act: http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/13/index.html Idaho Code: http://legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/Title36/T36.htm</p>
	<p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This brochure covers only rules for hunting deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, mountain lion and gray wolf. Information about hunting upland game, turkey, furbearer, waterfowl and moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat can be found separately in the Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey, the Waterfowl, or the Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Seasons and Rules brochures.
	<p>Mandatory Hunting Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All deer, elk and pronghorn hunters are required to complete a Mandatory Hunter Report for each tag they purchase. Hunters are required to submit a report by phone or internet within 10 days after harvest. Hunters who do not harvest, or did not hunt, are required to report within 10 days after the close of the hunting season. • The best way to submit hunt information and the only way to get confirmation that the report was received is to report online at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov • To submit by phone to a live operator, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, call toll free 1-877-268-9365 or 1-800-824-3729.
	<p>Hunting Passport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in hunting but haven't taken hunter education? Sign up for the Hunting Passport and a licensed adult friend or relative can be your hunting mentor for one year. See page 83.
	<p>Citizens Against Poaching (CAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To report wildlife violators in Idaho by telephone: 1-800-632-5999.
	<p>Super Hunt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy a chance at a Super Hunt Tag, and help pay for more access to hunting and fishing.
	<p>Hunt Planner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick a species, date and hunt unit to see all that you can hunt. Links to maps, apps and guides.